

REMARKS

On November 11, 2005, a NON-FINAL Office Action was issued for the present application. Box 2b of the Office Action Summary Sheet was checked indicating that the Action was NON-FINAL. The Examiner did not indicate anywhere in the text of the written Office Action that the Action was final. Typically, the last several paragraphs of a written office action includes statements with respect to the Office Action being final. For example, see paragraph No. 5 in the FINAL Office Action issued in this application on June 23, 2005.

Accordingly, the underlying Office Action is **non-final**. It is improper to refuse to enter an Applicants' Response to a non-final Office Action, and it is improper to issue an Advisory Action when the underlying Office Action is non-final.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to review the Office Action issued on November 11, 2005 and confirm that this was a non-final action. In addition, Applicants respectfully request the Advisory Action to be withdrawn and the Applicants' Response filed on March 30, 2006 to be entered and given **full consideration**.

Applicants respectfully submit that no fee is required for this Request since it is in response to an error solely on the part of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. If any fees are required, Applicants respectfully request that they be charged to our deposit account no. 08-3040, and that any charge be refunded to our deposit account no. 08-3040.

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